I was reading over a 2010 Newsletter of the old Druidic Dawn Website and they published a fairly nice review of Bobcat's New Book: "Living With Honour - A Pagan Ethics", which was written by Maya / Cuardai and I decided to order it in.

Bobcat is one of the Most Ethical Druids I can think of, so I had no hesitation in getting my hands on a Book by her on that Subject.

The first part I read was "Finding A Perspective" introduction to Part 1.

I liked the part where she says that it is now common knowledge that American Democracy is a Farce. I have certainly thought that since I got the Movie "JFK" on Tape along with the A&E Biography Documentary about J Edgar Hoover.

In only the first few pages that I have read, I have already found a couple of good Triads of Wisdom. I will have fun finding more of Bobcat's Triads of Wisdoms in this Book. It is also due to my affinity for Triads that has caused to be like how Bobcat has written this Book into 3 Parts.

Here are a couple of Good Quotes that I have found so far.

From Page #4:
"Too often, I would attend Pagan events to find overeating, heavy drinking, cigarette smoking individuals, bitching, expressing no more care for the world than the mundane crowd in a shopping mall"

Me too. I got tired of that sort of thing at about last December and decided to go into a Meditative Retreat where I have found the Philosophies of the Great Buddha which meshes well with my Druidistic Philosophies.

Then Bobcat gives some really good personal Advice on Page #5:
"Clearly, where any relationship breaks down, the result is a collapse in respect, but to respond by demanding the relationship improves is seldom helpful"

That is Good Advice that I will Live by a bit more Closely from now on.

Also on Page#4:
"In Paganism, I had thought I would find a community of spiritually sagacious people, dedicated to crafting respectful relationships through their reverence for nature. While some Pagans are committed to walking the path awake, many others simply did not seem to care. Their vision was of personal power, about crafting control with magic"

Her and I both. When I started walking my Neo-Paganistic Path of Druidism in the Summer of 2003 (right after having one last big Vacation at the Calgary Stampede before jumping into the world of Druidism with both feet), I also thought that I would find a Good Harmonious Community of Spirituality as well.

Although I did find a few that were, most of the time, I ended up Badly Disappointed.

I just finished reading Chapter 1 of Living With Honour and I found on Page #13 that our Bobcat has problems with the concept of Deity.

I do not.

I have found a distinct use for the concept of the "Universal Deity" as something that can bring balance to the Battles of the Sexes which has been going a bit out of control in the past few decades with the realms of the Old Patriarchal ways of thinking swinging to far in becoming too Matriarchal.

I Worship (sorry Bobcat, I do like using that word, re: Page #14) the Universal Deity as a Neutral Gender Deity in order to try to bring Balance between the Sexes. That is one of the things that I came to final conclusion on when I saw the Documentary "Temple Building" which said that all Old Male Temples had complimentary Female Sedimentary Rock Stones laid in, but no Male Volcanic Rocks Stones laid in on Old Female Temples.

I define the Universal Deity as a Multifaceted Diamond that can represent any form of Power that you want. That is why I hold Three Forms of Deity myself: One being the Sun, One being Basteth (representative of all Feline Cats and Familiars), and Trees. But of course, I pay homage to several other forms of Deity as well, such as Poseidon when I am doing my Fish Habitat Streamkeeping.

Basically, I hold the concept of Universal Deity in an attempt to bring Better Balance between all of Humanity.

But I liked the following quote from Page #15:
"For Pagan deity is never super-natural; existing with nature, as nature, both human and nonhuman nature, the gods are the darkness, the vibrance, the hunger, that we not only witness around us but experience with us. The gods are the cry for justice, the tug of trade, the belly-kick of loss, the bond with the land and with kin that are relayed again and again in the tales of our people and heritage, tales we daily observe in others and feel inside ourselves".

Sounds to me like a good definition of what Good Balance is about.

It is on this issue that I especially liked Bobcats statement on Page #26:
"The duotheism of Wicca's triple goddess and horned god was further influenced ty the radical fiminism that emerged from the west coast of America in the 1970s. Writers such as Andrea Dworkin, like discredited academic Margaret Murray (I have heard of Murray) writing fourty years earlier, reinterpreted sources such as the medieval with trials and papers on archaeological research in order to declare Witchcraft a surviving expression of ancient female power and suppression. So did Wicca take on board the wight of a presecution crisisthat was far deeper than the pressure of ridicule and scandal mongering".

I really liked Bobcat's Four Thread of Paganism:
1 - Paganism as Fashionable.
2 - Paganistic Magic.
3 - Paganistic Knowledge and Knowing.
4 - And Paganistic Spiritual Power of Nature.

I agree with her analogy that Paganistic Fashion is pretty much a Farce, although I do occasionally wear Black and do have a Cat (which came to me. It did not go out and Buy her). In Magic, I also am trying to use it find the type of Life that we all can Love. In Paganistic Knowledge, I have researched the Sacred Triads of Knowledge in order to have better Spiritual Understanding of our Ancestors. And it says that in order to find Spiritual Power in Nature, one has to simply and physically get out there into the World and dance in the Wind and Rain, with Muddy Boots, an Open Heart, a Cold Nose, and an eagerness to Feel: I do that every day when I am outside doing my Work in Horticultural Landscaping and Gardening. So I found out why from Bobcat's Book that I Like my Landscaping Work so much.

Then on Page #19, Bobcat states:
"Within modern Paganism as it was in the past: each individual is encouraged to find their own specialist interests and skills, then to feed that insight back into the community as a whole".

Bobcat gave that sort of encouragement last Winter Solstice when she asked me if I would like to write an E-Book about the Sacred Triads of Knowledge & Wisdom, which resulted in my E-Book "A Treasury Of Druistic Triads", which I then made available Free For All.

Then in the part called "The Thinker", she mentions quite a few Authors that have written advocating Freedom. My favorite is Charles Dickens, especially for his work in writing "A Christmas Carole" in which Scrooge is visited by Three Spirits.

Towards the end of the Chapter, Bobcat goes into how the New Paganistic Movement has allowed the Natives of North America to be able to celebrate their Traditions once again. That part of the Chapter reminded me of how I was in Nipawin Saskatchewan for my Grandmother's Memorial and I visited their local Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and there was a Native Wedding Reception being held there. All the Natives where sitting there having Beers and I heard them speaking in their Native Language fairly fluently. I recall saying to them

that it was Beautiful how they had kept their culture intact and to keep up the good work. I recall them smiling and drinking a Toast to my comment.

Chapter Two is called Natural Paganism and in the part called Autonomy, she says on page #37 that to Cherish ALL Life is Restrictive, and that disallowing the Consumption of Nature is limiting in our ability to have Wealth and Power, which is something People have taken Dominion over. That comment made me think of my essay where I rewrite Genesis 1, verses 26 to 31.

Further down the page, she points out how the Victims of Hurricane Katrina did loads of Blame Gaming about what happened to them when it is in reality all down to the Natural Processes of Nature. And I like the way she used the word "Nature", and not the metaphor "Mother Nature". That shows that she revers to Nature as being a united form of both Female and Male Forms of Deity.

In the part called "Anarchy and Heresy", she gives the exact definition of Heresy, which is something I have tried to research out about several times in the Past, but failed to find the exact Definition that I was looking for. According to Bobcat, it is from the Greek "Haireomai", which means to Choose. The word "Hairesis" is the Choices we make in regards to our personal Beliefs. It also refers to being able to Question as being something critical for our being able to make sound Decisions and Choices in regards to our Personal Belief Systems.

There are several parts when Bobcat points out ways that one then fails to be Pagan. One of them is Behaving in a certain ways simply because other do is Not Pagan. I have tried that a few times in my time as being a Paganistic Druid and have ended up getting loads of grief, so I have concluded that one does have to Behave in a Sociable Fashion in order to get along. I have found that if you have trouble with that, then it is best to consider practicing your Paganism as a Solitary (which I pretty much in doing at the moment).

I then liked how she points out on page #45 how Atheist "Claim" to Believe in nothing at all. I agree that someone had to have some sort of Belief System to guide themselves in Life.

In the part called "Death and Sexuality" the ways Bobcat writes of Death reminded me of the meaning of the Death Major Arcana Tarot Card. If you want to know what Bobcat says in regards to Death, just go and get a copy of the Ryder/Waite Tarot Deck and look up the meaning for the Death Card.

The part called "Energy and Consciousness" once again reminded me of what I was trying to communicate with my rewriting of Genesis1, verses 26 to 31. I especially liked this following quote from page #54:
"The forces of nature are sacred. They fill our lungs with scent, flood through our souls with emotion, wash over our skin as rain, inspiring the patterns of our thinking. They are wind and joy, moonlight, forest, rage, rain, jealousy. That is all there is: nature."

I also liked the following quote from page #56:
"The extent to which we, as human beings, are able to discern and comprehend consciousness through our faculties of perception and reason is limited". I agree completely. With the part of the Brain called "Amygdala" within us, that is what causes a lot of people to see Reason at times.

Then she writes of the concept of "Animism", which was a concept that I had never heard of before. Bobcat then states that Animism is central to nature-based Paganism and that it is the Belief that all Animals and Inanimate Objects have Souls. I do certainly Believe that all things are made up of Energy and in all Energy is the Powers of Souls.

One thing I really liked about Chapter 2 is that she put in 3 Nature Based Short Stories. I liked how Bobcat puts in the Short Stories in order to break up the tedium of reading about the Academia in the rest the Chapter. I hope there are more little Short Stories in the other Chapters as well.

Chapter #3 of Living With Honour, which is called "Defining Choice"

The chapter lists off 4 Premises of Choice. They are:
1 - Instinct or Intuition,
2 - Emotion,
3 - Religious Beliefs,
4 - Secular Authority,
5 - And Personal Freedom

But before Bobcat goes into those Premises of Choice, she first goes into defining what Ethics and Morality are. First, she says on Page #63 that Ethics are, "The line we draw that articulates what is acceptable in terms of behavior, and what is not, from a profoundly personal and individual standpoint", and then on Page #64, she defines Morality as "constructed by agreement by the community as a whole. Morals are the boundary lines around a tribal unit. They both protect the tribe from the behavior of outsiders and ensure the tribe itself maintains standards that will keep it adequately at ease."

Bobcat then goes into how Tribal Units affects ones state of Ethics and Morality and goes onto describe how a Tribe's Ethics are not usually formed by the masses but by One Charismatic Leader. She uses George Bush's fundalmentalism as a good example in how Ethics were reshapened in the USA under his tenure.

She also points out that a more often than not, when one can not agree with their Tribe's Moral Standards that most aren't willing or brave enough to provoke the necessary change that they seek. Most people tend to try dealing with such situations by simply Not Thinking. Her pointing that out on Page #66 reminded me of a scene in my war movie "Stalingrad" when a more experienced German Soldier tries to teach his comrade how to cope with the horrors around them by simply turning off their Mind, and twists his ear at the Recruit to demonstrate an allegorical way of turning one's Brain Off.

In Bobcat's analysis of how Instinct or Intuition affects Choice, she says that, "Intuition is an important part of human Nature, but in the context of ethics, it is dangerously ungrounded. Based on logical pathways that we can't access consciously, there can never be certainty that we are not simply reverting to formative or primitive fears, to prejudices and coping mechanism". That phrase reminded me of how the part of the Brain that processes those kinds of thoughts is called the Amygdala, which I researched last December in order to try to understand what part of the Mind that creates such thought patterns.

Then Bobcat describes something that I have never heard of before. It is Teleology. She goes, "Writing in the fourth century BCE, Aristotle's argument for natural law was based on teleology. Denoting a belief that everything has its own particular purpose, the word teleology is used. For example, to prove the existence of a divine creator: the universe exists within certain rules that imply evidence of a carefully crafted design, any such design requiring a supernatural designer, ie: God. Aristotle used the Greek word 'telos', meaning an end or ultimate purpose, the telose being the natural or intended course of life that exists within the essence of every individual entity. This intention provides the plea with which each entity sits most harmoniously in the patterns of the universe. The teloses of an Acorn is, then, its inherent goal of germinating and growth into an adult acorn-producing Oak".

Then on Page #71 that she says that Behavioral Psychologists says that our Conscience is the Inner Source of Doubt which is Learned through Positive and Negative Feedback of our actions throughout all of our Life, but especially from those of early Childhood, and that is is our Conscience that if often the Eerie Inner Echo of our Parents, our Religions, our Schools, and our Social Authorities. As such, through our modern Technological Based Media, we have conceived a Thousand Ways to Suffocate our Good Little Judge inside by turning up too much Noise in Life.

In the part about Emotions being a part of how we make Choices, I liked the Jean-Jacques Rousseau quote she put in that goes, "Everything is good that springs from the hands of our Creator; everything degenerates when it is shaped by the hands of Man'. That quote reminded me of how we are now playing with the Genetic Code of Life in our GM Foods and Animals. I am often worried about what sort Degeneration Damage Humanity might do as a result of tampering with such things.

In the part about how Religious Beliefs shaping how we make Choices in Life, Bobcats says on Page #81:
"Over three hundred years before the birth of Christ, Plato posed the idea that religion is too often used to give validity for ideas which have no validity otherwise. No politically religious or monotheistic society permits critical scrutiny". In the paths that I have walked, I have found plenty of other types of Paganistic Societies that also do not permit Critical Scrutiny. As Isaac Bonewits

pointed out in his Chapter 10 of his Essential Guide, the Wiccans are bad for that with their "Exclusionary" attitudes.

Then Bobcat points out that it is usually the Religious Laws that are always at their Strongest during times of Crisis. I think that it should be our Laws Of Nature that should be at their Strongest with there are times of Crisis and "Every Man For Himself" is called.

Then Bobcat goes into the subject of Secular Authority which is: "I chose to act a certain way because it is legally or socially acceptable". The first thing she points out is quoting Pierre Joseph Proudhon who said that laws are 'spider webs for the rich and mighty, steel chains for the poor and week, fishing nets in the hands of the government'. In the part of how one can not Trust the Big Three Anchors of Society of Government, Judiciary, and the Free Press, she points out how it is through our Free Press that is an important guide interims of Tribal Morality and it is the bias of each story that is told that expresses what is acceptable and what is not in our society. How the Media shapes our minds with its propaganda reminds me of how for 2 1/2 years, stirring horrible details of Paul Binardos Crimes where broadcast to the masses about 10 to 15 minutes each night resulting in a lot of Women becoming Paranoid of All Men. Since then, a Canadian Lad can not introduce himself without risking getting Pepper Sprayed or the Cops called on him. What Bobcat has written on that subject is one of the many reasons why I don't have TV Cable anymore.

Then in the part on Human Rights, she points out that if one is Alone, Alienated, or Outcast, we have then have no Rights as one becomes a Freak who has not Tribe with its Morale Majority Protecting his Rights. If that is the case, then since I am presently walking my Druidistic Path Alone, then I must be a Freak of Druidism.

She also points out that a society that has Too Much Rights, then too many people start feeling owed something extra such as an easier Life, more Attention, Love, and Money and that it is certainly in our Capitalistic Culture that we get the idea that we need to be Better Served and to Consume More. Such things are touched upon as well in the Documovie "Supersize Me!".

Then on Page #89, she mentions Thomas Hobbes's opinion that we only have Two Impulses of Fear of Death, and the Desire for Power. I think (as well as Sigmund Freud), that is wrong. There should be a 3rd and that is the need for Sex and for a Soul Partner in Life.

She then states that Conflict is Natural and must be acknowledged as acceptable, because it is through such Conflicts in Life that the Weak are Defeated and the Strong will Rule. In todays Modern Society, as Professor Stephen Hawkings shows, it is now through the Strong Use of the Pen that tends to Win and Evil tends to be vanquished. And when it comes to being Strong with the Pen, I have fairly proficient, as I have found whilst in past dealing with other "Pagans" as well as others.

However, she does point out that if Authority Controls too much, then it is what can be Blamed for everything. That is why Fascist/Socialist States usually end up looking so deplorable in the few societies that it has come to power in.

In the part about how Freedom influences our ability to Choose, Bobcat points out how the Anarchist thinks that Anarchy is necessary to have Equality and Liberty and that too much Beaucracy tends to maintain the Problems in Life instead of solving them. That reminded me of Canada's Language Debate Issues in our Quebec where the Beaucracy is not actually interested in actually solving the problem of English/French Language Issues, but actually wants to keep it going so that they have something to look after. I once called into a Radio Show and said that the Beaucrates were not actually interested in solving the problem, cause if they actually did, then they would put themselves Out Of Work. The Radio Station immediately hanged up on me.

The I found this quote on Page #94:
"Human beings will all too often grasp an opportunity to follow a leader, one who allows them the relief of not having to think or take responsibility for themselves. And not many are Wise."

I have thought that soooo many times, it is not funny for our Societies Leaders tend to always have the exact same amount of Wisdom as the Average Ordinary Baboons when it comes to making Wise Decisions.

Then Bobcat says:
"When we believe we've found the answer, we tend to sit in satisfaction and close our minds."

I have been accused to doing that a lot of times. That is why I am on a Meditative Retreat and reading Books of Wisdom such as this as well as Books such as Mark's "Path Of The Blue Raven".

I found this Chapter to be a very good look at how Past Ethics had worked in the various Social Systems of our Past and how it has shaped our Present Day Society.

Chapter Four is about "Defining Pagan Ethics". In this Chapter, Bobcat writes mainly about Wiccan Ethics, Druidistic Ethics and Heathen Ethics.

When it comes to the subject of Wiccan Ethics, Bobcat goes into how the Wiccan Rede can be interpreted in various different ways and especially writes about how the "Whilst Harming None" part of the Rede can have an effect of creating Bad Karma in all sorts of ways. She points out how it is similar to the Commandment "Thou Shalt Not Kill" as to whether it just refers to Humans Killing Humans, or for us all never to Kill anything that is Alive, including Trees even. She also goes into how the Wiccan Threefold Law works and that it is based on the belief of Karma, but points out that the Threefold Law does not

have any clear basis in History of Paganism at all, and that it is something that is relatively new created by Gerald Gardner.

Then Bobcat does into the Ethics of Druidism, and on Page #104, lists off the Five Key Tenets of the Order of Bards, Ovates and Druids, which are:
1 - Taking Responsibility and Feeling Empowered.
2 - Engaging with the World at large and Valuing Community.
3 - Trusting that Life is Fundamentally Good (as Anne Frank did as she said so in her Famous Diary) and holds an Inherent Meaning and Purpose.
4 - Appreciating the Contrasts and Polarities in Life.
5 - And being of Value to others and the World.

She then goes into how Druids always are looking for what is True and that is the Truth and how they use Triads in order to codify their Legal System. She even posts quite a few good Irish and Welsh Triads of Wisdom in this part of the Chapter. I liked how she does remark how similar the Druid's Ethical System are to Babylon's Hammurabi Code with its system of Direct Recompensation, which is profoundly inspiring and thought-provoking.

In the part on Heathenism, she goes into how they more Individualistic and that they put more importance on being Self-Sufficient or Self Contained within their Tribal Communities. She then lists off Tony Linsell's description of the Heathen Code, which goes:
1 - Make Sure To Keep Ones Oaths.
2 - Being Loyal.
3 - Being Courageous.
4 - Being Hospitable.
5 - And being Bold, in both Thought and Action.

She then goes on to describe on Page #109 how it was once believed that when you Died, that you spent a time Feasting and Healing with the Gods, you were then Reborn into the same Tribe, in the same Bloodline. Thus if your would be considered fully responsible for repaying your Debts and making Recompensation for your Mistakes. This sort of reminded of the Start Trek TNG episode where Worf had to suffer punishment because of his Father mistakenly being accused of being a Traitor to the Romulans. I have always found that sort of Justice System as being Flawed because I do not believe that Reincarnation works that way.

In the part about Secrecy and Persecution, Bobcat writes about how many Pagan Groups, Families and Small Communities don't go just by the Wiccan Rede, but have Tight Moral Codes. I have also found that in my travels as well, and I have also run afoul of such things many times. As far as Persecution goes, I did like Bobcat's Story about how a Druid's Child was had been Chastised by his Teacher and Teased by his Classmates when he told of his Family's trip to The Stonehenge. I for one, even in Paganistic Circles, have experienced Persecution, so such things are not solely in the Circles of Christian Style Moral Environment.

Bobcat then recounts how Feminists like Matilda Gage, rewrote History by saying that Nine Million Women had been Burned Alive during the Burning Times. Bobcat reveals that is Feminist Propaganda and that it was actually about Fifty Thousand People who were Persecuted for being Witches, and both Men and Women were Burned Alive over such issues, so the Burning Times was not an Attack on Women only, but on Paganistic Men and Women.

Then Bobcat writes a piece about Occultism, and states that Occultists have over the Past Few Hundred Years, have based their work on the belief that Humanity is Inherently Special and have the Right to be Most Dominant on Earth, which is an attitude which is very much out of sync with Paganistic Views. I have to disagree there. I have known several Occultists, and so far, I have found them to be more accepting of others views of Life and I have found them to understand that Humanity is a part of Symbiont Circle of Nature on Earth and that we have to become more Harmonious with such things.

In the part called "Relativism", Bobcat points out how the Author Ronald Hutton wrote of how Wiccan Pagans tend to share a concern for Environmental Issue, and especially concerning issues that directly affect their own Home Districts, but he pointed out that usually none actually get involved in an Environmentalistic Causes. I have found that too. I know dozens of people who call themselves *Pagan, but have never helped with Environmental Work such as doing Litter Cleanups in their local Streams, Rivers or Watersheds. Such people are Hypocrites. Bobcat then relates that to being because our being in an "Spiritually Impoverished Western Culture", which causes Generic Depression which creates Apathy, wholly lacking in Courage and Inspiration.

Here is a quote from the Chapter that I especially liked from Page #120:
"Pagans are proud of the unwritten elements of their traditions, the teachings passed down through the stories of their heritage, and eagerly justify the way in which the oral tradition allows for change, encouraging individual input and insight, always requiring a situation to be addressed in its own unique circumstances. Yet, with a community that is definitively so diverse, where do individuals find their ethics, and how does the community cohere those into a shared morality? Further, where a tribe supports Anarchy, as Paganism clearly does, the few written sources of ethics - such as the Wiccan Rede, the Heathen Code, old collections of Triads and the Brehon laws - are inevitably going to be deconstructed by many in the community, very often to the point of being useless".

I would definitely agree with that!

Chapter Five is called "Natural Pagan Ethics". It starts off with a nice Story about Nature and then goes into a part called "Honour and Order". In it, I found the following passage on Page #124:
"If a person is deemed to be truly honorable, it is because they appear gracefully and fully to abide by the rules of the tribe. Their reputation is held up as a shining example of how that tribe would like to perceive itself."

From that comment, I thought of how I have been Banned from so many Websites and Message Forums. I guess they way I walk my Path tends to go against how a lot of Tribes like themselves to be Perceived as being. I quess that is a riddle of Life that I am going to have to ponder and work out.

But then she points out how some People can be beyond the reach of the Law by being Nomadic, Geographically Isolated, or being of a Social Status that is above that of the Ruling Authority. She points out that such Tribes tend to create their own Codes of Honour and that such Codes of Honour are common in the Criminal Underworld.

She then goes on to point out in some Communities where Tribal Warfare and Blood Feuds are common, Honour Killings are often of Women who have acted in a way considered Immoral by the Tribe. Bobcat goes on to say that such Attitudes may seem Outrageous to a Society that Lives with the comfort of a Working Judicial System.

In the Part called "The Power of Face", I liked the way she introduces the work of the American Druid Eryn Rowan Laurie and how she has written a lot on her Vision of an Ethical Code based on early Irish and Welsh Law. It reminded me of how I recently wrote an Essay Book on how the Ethical Codes of Ancient Celts were preserved in their Ancient Triads of Wisdom and Knowledge. I should look her up and send her a copy of my E-Book. She might find it fascinating.

Bobcat then goes into how important Face was with the Ancient Celts and that reminded me of how Face also means a lot to the Peoples of Asia, particularly Japan. She even relates how the Clown distorts his own Face in order to show how we live with both the Painted Mask and Naked Vulnerability and that the Clowns role is to be the Fallen, the one with Dignity, Unsupported and Alone.

Then in the Part called "Courage, Generosity, and Loyalty", I liked the following quote from Page #129:
"Despite our unquestioning bond to the tribe, and our willingness to vie and share all that we are, all that we have, we may have not enough courage to step forward and do anything.

When we lack one quality of honour, we often try to compensate by being especially strong in another of the three, holding this virtue up as a badge of justification: but I am.... Our honour, nonetheless, is flawed."

I have always had courage to step forward and do and say things that I have always thought needed being said, despite having been slapped down quite a few times for saying it. And I do have to admit having said "But I am....." quite a few times. I guess sometimes I might being trying to compensate by lacking a some quality of Honour somewhere.

Then after another nice Nature Story, Bobcat goes into the subject of "Evil and Disconnection". I found this chapter to be similar in its meaning as the Devil Major Arcana Card, but she does say that Evil is Not A Part Of Nature as it is something which comes from Human Judgement. And when Bobcat points out that the Notion of Evil is a Social Construct, it reminded of what Charles Manson said when he was on the stand when he stated that "I am what Society Made Me!".

Then in the Part called "Freedom", Bobcat points out ones main taks is to find a way to accept Bad Behavior is Natural as it is Natural having Destructive Situations. It helps in Darwins process of Natural Selection.

In the Part called "Awareness of Death", Bobcat again goes into the subject that is similar to the meaning of the Tarot Death Major Arcana Card. It is on this subject that Bobcat writes on Page #141:
Death, then to the *Pagan, is a gateway of release, exquisitely transformative, yet also simply just another step or two along a much longer road."

I am looking forward to when my Release comes so I can go take my Knowledge of Humanities Mistakes and mingle them with the Spiritual Auras of our Ancient Ancestors, who made a many Mistakes as well as Advances.

In the Part called "The Integrated Being", I did find that Bobcat is highly critical of Descartes. I agree with her as his doctrine of "If You Think, Therefore You Are" is where we get people thinking Messianic Thoughts about themselves and that is where we get Biblical Scriptures glorifying Humanity too much, such what is in the Bible's Genesis 1, verses 26 to 31.

And here is the Final Passage from the Chapter on Page #147 that I found Very Profound and something everyone as well as myself should Meditate on:
"In each action, we represent our tribe - of family, community, humanity - and thus the moral identity of that tribe. To do so without shame or ignorance allows a deep and vital pride that comes from knowing that we have shared well, in truth and in freedom."

Chapter 6 and it is a rather long chapter and it is the first Chapter of Part 2 of Bobcat's Book.

But before Chapter 6, there is a bit of an Introduction to Part 2 called "The Pathways Of Our Choices".

In it, Bobcat goes into how we all consume things a lot of the time without fully realizing what sort of Ethical Practices are used to produce such things. In this case, she uses how we like Chocolate Bars.

The Introduction reminded me of the Michael Moore movie "The Big One", which is a Documovie about the Corruptness of Corporations and how they are Vane, Greedy, and Egotistical and seem to operate without any concern for what Harm

is done in the production of their products. She uses an example of how Venezuela used to be one of the countries which produced the best Cocoa Beans in the world, but due to Corporate Interference, now produces almost none.

In that introduction, she says this:
"As a philosophical attitude, the postmodern acceptance of the problem is pertinent, but too often that uncertainty leads to catatonia or apathy. We can not be passive".

Unfortunately, when one is Not Passive and does things that one thinks necessary to correct such problems, one opens onself up for Criticism, Attacks, and Conflict for such None Passive Views. I, myself, have at times been Not Passive in my views and that resulted in my being Banned from several Paganistic Circles. I have found that if you are Not Passive, one opens oneself up to be attacked for your views. That is why I decided to join a Meditation Meetup Group (having seen been appointed Assistant Organizer) in order to become Meditative about my Future Endeavors for a while.

But I found that after going into my Meditative Retreat that all sorts of Wonderful Positive Things have been happening, such as Bobcat asking me to write an E-Book about Ancient Celtic Triads of Wisdom and Knowledge.

As Mahatma Gandhi found, sometimes the best things to do in order get Good Positive Change is to practice Passive Resistance.

Then, one Page #152, Bobcat writes:
"We make a difference, each and every one of us, with every penny that we spend, with each newspaper, television show and internet site that we support, implicitly condoning its take on the world."

That sort of Revelation came to me in September of 2007, and that was when I cancelled my TV Cable cause I did not like spending Money on being Brainwashed by the Media's Propaganda Nonsense.

Here is my review of the first 3rd of Chapter 6, which is called "Human Relationship".

The first part is called "Facing An Other" and goes into the philosophies of Emmanuel Levinas, who was Franco Jew who spent some time in a Nazi Concentration Camp, during which time he came to his level of Enlightenment.

The core of his work expounded on the way we all perceive and treat other People, and this he employed the Philosophical Notion of the 'Other'. Levinas refined the notion to recognize the Other as a subject of his own right.

On Page #155, Bobcat writes:

"We are constantly 'being faced' by Others, an experience that shines a defined spotlight on our responsibilities and obligations, for as faces we are clearly distinct individuals, never the same; there is instantly a recognition of our differences, our separateness."

Then Bobcat continues to say on Page #156:
"In Druidic philosophy, what we are perceiving is termed the song: the natural and ongoing expression of an individual's essence, the journey they have walked and the current of their intention. Our song is about who and how we are, here and now. It is rooted in our own story and all the stories we carry of our heritage, each one contributing to our sense of identity. It is that identity which gives us a face."

So when we encounter another person who is a Stranger, we have to realize that they have their own Stories that should be Respected, even though we might not know them.

Then the next part is called "The Tribe", which is a word that Bobcat likes to use a lot. She goes into how we are part of various Tribes that contribute to what we are. Our Immediate Family Circles are a type of Tribe, our Circles at work are another type of Tribe, and our Friends that we participate in our various Hobbies or Pastimes. Being a part of a Tribe is how we get support in order to be able to Survive in our Environment, Community and in our Family Units. And it is from that Support from our Comrades in our various Tribes that gives Powerful Incentive to Survive.

On Page #159, Bobcat states:
"Although it may takes a great deal of Courage, Loyalty, and Generosity, this is crucial to *Pagan ethics: when we trust with honour, we can't demand that this gift of trust be reciprocated."

That comment reminded me of a famed Canadian Lorne Green. I have his CBC Life & Times Biography on tape and in it, it is stated that he never expected the "Payback". He was always Generous and always did good deeds for others and did not demand that his Gifts be Reciprocated, just passed on to Others.

The next part is called "Honour And The Stranger" and I liked the very first sentence of this part:
"How we treat those from other tribes, enemies or not, defines the tribe, identifying the nature and the location of its edges."

Bobcat then goes into the Philosophies of the Austrian Jew Martin Buber and how he created the term 'Mismeeting' which describes the ways in which we tend to Ignore the Passer By in order to avoid Sympathy as well as Hostility of another, thus No Rights or Duties are presumed.

Then on Page #162, Bobcat writes the following Definition:
"*Paganism teaches us instead to meet the Other always as an individual, listening to the stories of their tribe(s) and their own life's journey with sufficient receptivity to accept the moment. We don't need to like it or them, nor to throw down flowers and declare peace. We need simply to be fully present and that requires honour."

In the next part "Being With Other People", Bobcat starts out describing how much better it is in receiving Service from another Person rather than by having Service provided by an Automated Answering Service. She describes how she had an issue with her Phone Service and how annoyed she was with the Automated Answering Service and how things got sorted when she finally got a hold of actual Person on the Line.

Bobcat then goes into how we tend to Glorify ourselves by paying attention to our Media Celebrities, Politicians and Sports Heroes and how it leaves us free of Guilt when our Media raises such people onto Pedestals of Power or Importance and then get to watch as the Media Kicks Them Off, and how we buy into the process by reading the Magazines and Newspapers, when we watch the Television Shows, our Culture revels in how a Hero can be dragged through the Mud. This sort of thing reminded me of how George Harrison had eluded to that when he stated in the Beatles Anthology Documovie about how such things were done to them in order to sell Media Product and once they were brought down to Earth "They started Kicking" on them.

Then on Page #165, Bobcat writes:
"In every story told, we don't hear another's soul expressed: the gossip allows us to find our place in a tribe, placing others, checking and adjusting our own position. With trust so uncommon, it is hard to interact with honour"

That reminded me of how such Gossip in a Vancouver Downtown Community (in a Dark and Crime Ridden Neighborhood) led to a Murder of which I sat a Juror in a Court Case.

Then in regards to Employment, Bobcat says this on Page #166:
"If a company makes us faceless, never hearing our story, there is no relationship for us to invest in. We hold on to the job because of our own need, not through the honour of loyalty."

That made an impression on me as some of my most favorite Jobs have been when I had Trust of the Employer who listed to my Opinions, Suggestions and Recommendations. That is why I stayed with a certain Property Management Company and my present Landscaping Company for as many years as I have had. It was due to my Concerns, Welfare and Needs not being Respected that I did not spend too long with some Companies in my past, such as the Recycling Company I worked for who did not give me any Sympathy or Support when I came down with an Illness while at work. The General Manager of the Recycling Plant was

more interested in yelling at me and putting me down than making me feel valued as an Employee.

The next part of Chapter 6 that I am going to comment on is called "Being With Children".

The first thing that Bobcat says is that it is in Relationships that we fail the most is in terms of you me is our Relationships with our Children.

The first thing she says is how nothing puts her off faster than the High Pitched Screams of a Misbehaving Child in places such as a Restaurant. She then goes into how the UK is actually regarded as being the society that is ranked lowest for giving Good Support and Care of Children. And she states that when she sees a Good Well Behaved Child, then that reaffirms her opinion.

Then on Page #169, Bobcat says something that really spoke to me:
"It isn't long, though, before parent or child starts to perceive the other as Other. If the parent feels it first, without adequate consciousness to compensate with wakeful caring, the child will often carry the effects throughout his (or her) life: an undertow of a conviction about having been abandoned for no reason".

I can understand that statement as I myself was forced to leave Home in my late teens (17) by my Mother just to appease her Boyfriend at the time. Bobcat really hit it on the head with the above statement as I myself have felt Abandoned for No Reason while still a Youth.

And I think with that sort of feelings within myself, I had trouble keeping Jobs during my 20s until I found Property Management and then Landscaping and also having troubles with Alcohol Addiction.

Then Bobcat goes into how Toddlers have certain desires for Attentive Caring, Recognition, and Love and when that does not happen, the resulting Adult turns out Unbalanced Emotionally, being subject to Depression, and Low Self-Esteem.

Bobcat then points out that when a Child is not brought up properly, they you will have a future Problem Parent who will repeat the same mistakes that their Parents made upon them. She says it again on Page #174 when she says:
"It is dishonorable action of a badly behaved child, an action reflected if amplified in the dishonorable behavior of a damaged adult, grabbing resources (attention, security, control) through greed, competition, imperialism and war."

Then Bobcat makes a statement saying that our Culture must stop treating Children as objects and respects them by making them feel Loved and Needed. Of course, this is fairly accurate, but I have known several Adults who misbehave even though they were given lots of Love and being Needed. In this regard, I think that a lot of our Behavior Patterns are Programmed within our DNA.

I knew of a story of Twins who were adopted at Birth and did not find each other until they were in their 30s. One was Abused and the other had Rich Attentive Parents. Upon doing behavior experiments on them both, Scientists found that they behaved and reacted to their surroundings in fairly similar ways.

But on Page #173, Bobcat makes a statement about what the real reason why Children Misbehave in our Modern Society which I agree with:
"Taught to distrust every stranger, they stay indoors in the relative safety of adventures played out in computer games and television shows. Neither given responsibility, nor learning what to do with it, the result is a tribe of Incompetent, Disrespectful and Irresponsible Pariahs, as young as seven years old".

I can certainly see that in some of the youthful Landscapers who have been Hired and Fired. They expect everything to come to them as Automatically as it is depicted on those Computer Games and Television Shows. And when it does not turn out that way, they react Unsocially.

The last part of Chapter 6 is called "Love, Trust, and Freedom". In it, Bobcat goes into the subject of the Intimate Adult Bond, and how we all long to know someone and to be know as well as longing to Love and to be Love.

One of the first things she points out is how for a few, being able to find Love is easy. That is one of the greatest mysteries of Life that I have pondered over the years. I have seen some Guys being big with the Ladies, behaving in such ways that for most other Men would get them called things like "Creep", "Cad", or "Masher", except they seem to do it with ease, getting away with it all the time. There was once a time when I was a member of a Medieval Arts Society where there was someone known as "Monty" who went about taking hold of all the Ladies, and was actually admired for doing so, but when I tried anything that was even remotely similar, I found myself being soundly Scolded and made to feel Ashamed of myself. I have never understood how there could be such Paradoxes in Life, but as Bobcat says in the beginning of the Book, "Life Is Not Fair", which explains a lot of such things. It is due to such Paradoxes of Life that we tend to "Tiptoe" around such things trying not to overstep such marks, always afraid of what others might say about you whilst in your pursuit of Happiness.

Then I found something interesting on Page #178 where Bobcat describes how the Ancient Greeks identified Four Forms Of Love, which are:
- Eros: Being Sexual Physical Love
- Agapao: Love Felt for something Untouchable such as what we feel for a Deity, a Hero, and for something we Respect.
- Phileo: The Love that Inspires Loyalty.
- Stergo: The Love for ones Family Members and ones Society.

Then on Page #179, Bobcat states that something that reminded me how I felt when I had a Relationship Lost and that is when we have a Need that is being

Fulfilled, we also have a Biting Fear of some sort of Loss and that when the soul is completely filled with the experience of antoher, the prospect of losing that Other is a Major Annihilation to us.

Then Bobcat goes into the subject of Jealousy, which she states it one of the Most Destructive Emotional Tides of the Human Soul. She states that is rises out of the Fear that someone else will take possession of that Other. That Other is not only another Person, but also other Things, such as another having a higher place of Respect than yourself. I have experienced that when I had a Very Troublesome Landscaping Workmate who could not stand it when I was granted more Responsibility at the Work Site instead of him, despite having gained an Efficient Employee Award at the end of the previous Landscaping Season. He reacted with Jealousy by being Overly Critical, being Obnoxious, and constantly creating Arguments & Issues. He reacted with such Jealousy that he ended up Destroying his Reputation in the Company causing him to become Outcast. That is the type of Harm one can cause to oneself if one acts with Jealousy.

Then Bobcat goes into how it takes Tremendous Courage to to let down our Guards in order to allow ourselves to express ourselves adequately in order to gain the Respect, Trust and Acceptance in order to have a Good Loving Relationship, and that it requires us all to be Wholly Generous in order to maintain Good Relationships.

Then on Page #180, Bobcat goes into how it is not *Paganistically Ethical to try to change another Person, not to expect them to change themselves, even though one might perceive that change to a Healing One. She states that to Love a Person for who they could be is to Dishonor them for who they are now.

Then on Page #183, I found inscribed the Welsh Word for Love as being "Serch". I looked at that, and found myself thinking, "Oh, so that is where we get our word "Search" from and how it is used when we say: "We are Searching for Love".

Then on Page #184, Bobcat states that one should never take another Person's Presence for Granted. I have empathy for that as about a year ago, I found myself feeling taken for Granted when someone I used to Respect, who had some Family Related Issues, started using me as an Emotional Scratching Post. She suddenly found herself having to find a New Scratching Post as I quickly Withdrew My Presence from that Unhealthy Situation.

But on Page #185, Bobcat points out that what we tend to aim for is a Well Balanced Creative Relationship with whom we can work together creating a Family with Children, a Business, A Home, or of Project that is more than Momentary.

Then on Page #186, Bobcat states:
"Increasingly, adults in their thirties and forties are alone, wholly failing to build secure and healthy viable relationships, unable either to trust or to compromise,

at sea in a culture where there are so many choices and so many expectations of perfection and satisfaction."

I had the answer to that riddle explained to me when I saw a program in which Senior Citizens were being interviewed in order to get their views on Life Recorded. There was one part that made an impression on me and that was when an Old Man stated that back before there was TV, everyone was always Happy with how their Lives were, and content with their Life Partners. He pointed out that with TV showing everyone nothing but Beautiful People with Beautiful Lifestyles, in Beautiful Clothes, driving Beautiful Cars, living in Beautiful Houses and how our Young Generation, upon being shown all this, now expect their Lives to be Beautiful and Perfect, and when that does not happen, they become Upset, Demanding and Self Destructive.

Then on Page #186, Bobcat points out how Swearing to Love each other Forever is Ludicrous, and thus sets us up for feelings of Failure. She is so Right about that!

And that sets up for the final part for Bobcat to go into how *Paganistic Relationships works and the Tradition of Handfasting and discusses Monogamy, Polygamy, and Polyamory in which she states how she has seen many people develop their Relationships in all sorts of ways, some successfully, some not. But she does state that ones Relationships is all their own Businesses, which is something our Televised Media wont have us believe since they can not keep their noses out of other peoples business. For more on that, check out my 3X3 Triad on why I do not like TV Cable.

Chapter 7 is called "The Value Of Human Life"

The first thing Bobcat does is criticize how each and every one of the Revealed and Constructed Religions have always done Marketing Campaigns promoting the claims of knowing the Meaning of Life by saying things such as "We have the Answer! We Know the Truth! We can Reveal the Meaning!". She then goes on to describe how *Pagans are Polytheists who acknowledge countless Deities who represent the various Forces of Nature and that there is no Belief ina Supernatural Deity and that there is no All Powerful Being who is Self Aware, Designed or Created for the Purpose of Self-Glorification of themselves and goes on to say that when it comes to seeking Help with What Is The Meaning Of Life, the *Pagan can not get the Answer from the notion of Diety. She then goes on to show how the Scientific Mean of Life is to Reproduce, to Maximize, to Use Up.

Then on Page 193, Bobcat points out that once we accept that Philosophy is actually not a Search for Facts, then we can acknowledge every Thinker's Vision. We should actually preceive every Thinker's Interpretations of what Life is as being merely Landscapes Painted upon a Canvas and then seen through Human Eyes.

Then in the part called "Meaningless and Becoming", Bobcat points out that it is through our ability to Empathetic that our personal Code of Ethics comes from. I can point out that it is within the Frontal Lobes of our Brains that controls our abilities to be Empathetic. It is when someone has a Dysfunctional Frontal Lobe that you get people who can not behave Ethically as well as Violently, and appearing to enjoying the Chaos they create.

Then on Page 196, Bobcat points out the Philosophies of Sartre and how he said that when it comes to however little we have, however dire Life is, there is nobody to blame but ourselves if we preceive Life as seemling to be Worthless.

She then goes on to point out that it is the True *Pagan who is ready to accept that Nature is Merciless and is actually indifferent towards Humanity. I came that conclusion when I saw how Nature wiped out so many in the Boxing Day Tsunami. She also goes on to say that a *Pagan Soul always needs to Question, to be Wakeful, and Heretical, and to find one's own Path, and that the search for Truth is fundamental to that Journey.

And then in the part called "Presence and Consciousness, she says something on Page #199 that reminded of Hamelot when she says that Presence and Consciousness "could only validly be defined in relations to something else. Indeed, because of our perpetual state of evolving, becoming, changing and choosing, consciousness 'always is what it not, and is not what it is'". That sort of me of the line "To Be, Or Not To Be".

She then goes on Page 201 about how the Philosopher Nietzsche's Emphasis on Personal Success to be far too Individualist, and does not allow for the necessity of Good Relationships. That line reminded me how it was revealed to me in the CD Rom Documovie "Temple Making" that they showed how Male Temples of Volcanic Stone always had Center Pieces of Female Sedimentary Stone, but when they built Female Temple, they did not put in any Male Volcanic Rock. That was a big mistake as that showed how Males have a need for the Female aspect of Nature, Females, by the way they built their Temples, show that they are more Oriented towards being Individualistic, thus causing an Imbalance in Nature that ended up bringing on the Battle Of The Sexes, which started in Neolithic Times up to now.

Then Bobcat states on Page #202:
"However, on that basis, we cannot judge the value of another's life. Other than by observing how that individual experiences their own living and expresses that outwards, we can have no idea. To judge is to project our own needs upon another soul."

I have know many Pagans who have created this Harm of Projecting their own Need upon others. At time, I have done it too. It is those Pagans who I dont like hearing there claims of being *Pagan.

In the part called "Suicide and Being Dead", I liked Bobcat's Quote, also on Page #202:
"In *Paganism, there is no God, nor any other body wielding authority, whose judgement on such a decision has nay validity. Indeed, the very idea that someone would prevent another from ending their life would be an act of force that negated the individual's freedom, implying that their life was in fact not their own."

I can certainly agree with that. There are actually some Societies that have believed that if one has Lost Their Honour, the only way to recover it would be through Suicide, such as the Japanese Samurai Bushido Rules say, thus there are times that Suicide can be done with Honour, although Bobcat does not think so as she states on Page #203.

The on Page #205, Bobcat says of Death:
"Death does not remove us. Because we continue as a member of the tribe, albeit now as ancestor, our moral status continues".

That only goes if one has been Good, Brave, and Wise during their Lifetimes. Others who have not be so have their Moral Status cast aside and forgotten.

On the subject of Euthanasia and the Tribe, Bobcat states on Page #205:
"the debate on euthanasia is equally bewildering to the *Pagan. Why anybody would want to keep an individual alive, in crippling pain or dreadful disability, when that person is requesting the release of death, is utterly baffling."

Then Bobcat goes to point out that when it comes to Assisted Suicides, to the Argument that one is taking away something from someone if you don't constantly Save Their Lives, that the *Pagan considers that when we Die, we have not lost anything. We are simply Moving, Changing, and Shifting with the Wind."

She then goes into how the National Health Services have all the Technology available to save Lives, but since it is Expensive and the Funding for such things is Limited, then the NHS is forced to Triage who is best to be Save and who is to let go and asks the Ethical Questions of whether we should spend those Limited Resources on a Heavy Drinker with Live Damage, an Obese Overeating Diabetic, a Smoker with Lung Cancer who are all Unwise and Unwilling to change their Lifestyle. I would say Not for it is the Wiser, More Peaceful, Constructive People of our Society that should get that sort of Help and the others be left to the Will of Nature.

Then I really liked what Bobcat says on Page #209:
"Where a person is not giving what they can to the tribe, the tribe naturally has less to give in return. Needless to say, in *Pagan terms, we are not only members of human tribes, but also of those of the environment. How responsible we are within an ecosystem in itself reflects just how much will be profered in exchange".

I agree completely. That is why I hate seeing Organized Crime Figures as well as Government Beaucrates always taking from Nature and not putting anything back. And in order to be member of my local Environment, I do Fish Habitat Streamkeeping, helping to pick up Garbage, pull out Invasive Foreign Weeds, and working with putting Fish into the Creek.

Then in the Cost of Life part of Chapter 7, Bobcat shows how a Doctors being Sworn to Save Lives and their Patients Fear of Death being a boon for the Pharmaceutical Industry, with their getting to charge High Prices for their Drugs.

Then Bobcat becomes Critical of the "In Vitro Fertilization" when it creates unneeded or unwanted Fetuses and goes into the Ethical Questions about such things. On that subject on Page #212, Bobcat says:
"There can be no excuse of ignorance about the population issue: this can't be dismissed when considering whether to bring another child onto a planet already massively overpolulated by humankind, with its untenable consumption of the global environment".

In the Part about Experimenting with Life, Bobcat goes into the subject of In Vitro Fertilization in more depth and how the Government Administrates it all.

Then in Honouring the Stories, she states on Page #217 that *Pagans do not live for the Future, nor are dependent on it and that *Pagans only live for the Now of Life. I disagree with that. It was being able to predict the flow of Time and keeping track of the Future that our Neolithic Ancestors built Time Measuriing Instruments such as The Stonehenge, and also engaged in the Divinatory Arts.

For the most part, in this Chapter 7, Bobcat maps out the *Pagan feelings of what Death is all about and how that should be used as a foundation for making Ethical Decisions concerning that subject.

Chapter 8 is called is called "The Value Of Nonhuman Animals".

The first thing she says that she tends to like to use the Term 'Nonhuman Animal' whenever she wants to distinguish other Lifeforms from Human Beings and keeps to the Term 'Animal' when she wants to make a point about our own species.

She then goes on to point out that only in the past 100 years or so did Humanity come to realize that Nonhuman Animals are Being who have the same Emotions and can Suffer as we do. She says for Hundreds of Years that we did not only did we not consider the Feelings and Rights of other People who had different Colored Skin, much less make such considerations for Animals.

She then goes into the subject of how we use Nonhuman Animals as Food and mainly goes into how bad the conditions are for various Nonhuman Animals who

are raised for Food and how they Suffer in their Crampt Cages and Enclosures. Bobcat then chronicles how Grain Crops can yield use more Food more cheaply than providing Feed for Nonhuman Animals that we like to have on my Plate. This part explains why one has to pay more per pound for a Steak than for Tomatoes.

Then she goes into how we use Nonhuman Animals for Science Experimentation and Testing. The first thing she sites is how we use Nonhuman Animals in a similar way as the Nazis used Jews, Gypies, and Mentally Challenged for similar Experiments and points out that in her opinion, we are no better when we use Rats, Fish, or Birds such things.

Then in the part called "Historic Attitudes", I find that she sites how we started think in such ways by our Ancient Religious Scriptures and even sites the Biblical Passage Genesis 1, verses 26 to 31, which is something that I realized about in around 2004 when I did my Rewriting of Genesis 1, verses 26 - 31.

In the part "Persons Or Things", in which she goes into how we can at times think of other Living Things as Things, fellow Humans included, she states that for centuries, the decision was made for us all by the Tribal Authority of the Christian Church who preached the surety that only Human Animals had Souls. When Bobcat pointed out that the Materialistic Corporate World's Sidekick is Commercial Advertising that reminded one of the reasons why I no longer have TV Cable.

Then Bobcat goes into our Relationship with our Pets when she says that Treat our Pets similarly as we Treat our Growing Up Youth when they are Growing Up to become 'Persons In Their Own Right'. On Page #237, she goes, "We behave similarly with nonhuman we have taken as pets, conferring them with honorary personhood in order to establish their right to be cared for."

I can say that it was my TwoWhiteSocks who came and found me on September 16th 2003 and she moved in with me and became my Familiar. She has come to realize that I am actually Worshipping her as some sort of Deity as though she were the Physical Embodiment of Basteth. I know she Love Me and I do Her cause whenever she went out into the Garden to Patrol and Hunt for 3 Years, she always came back. She realizes that I consider a Valuable Member of my Personal Tribe and she is Happy to be so.

But Bobcat says that it is a kind of Torture to keep Pets for the Nonhuman Animals, and I can see how that could happen and why some other Pagans have made Personal Attacks on how I conduct myself towards my Feline Familiar TwoWhiteSocks.

The Bobcats points something out on Page #239 when she states, "Wrong done to one cannot be erased by good done to another of the same species." I took that to mean that Bad Karma you create can not be Appeased by doing Good for another, no matter how much Good you try to do in order to try to compensate.

And it was sort of ironic that on Page #239 she mentions the Manta Ray amongst a bunch of other Nonhuman Animals who have their own Centers of its own World. That sort of reminded me of how it was a Manta Ray that Killed the Croc Hunter Steve Irwin, showing the World that Nonhuman Animals can not be played with for too long before one of them will Bite Back.

In the part called "Thinking and Awareness", Bobcat goes into how Nonhuman Animals have been made to Suffer in order to make other Animals Happy, Contented and Comfortable. She points out that if most of the Crowd of Animals in a Tribe are made Happy that a Small Group of others can be Acceptably Left Out to Suffer in order for the Happiness for most to Continue, making Spock's statement about the Needs of the Many outweigh the Needs of the Few, or the One in the Movie "Wrath Of Khan".

Bobcat then goes into the Legislative History of Animal Rights Acts such s the "The Great Ape Project" 1993 and goes on to say on Page #245 as we are now Speaking Out for the Nonhuman Animals similarly as we are Speaking Out for the Young, Old and Disabled.

Then she writes a part called "Nature And Necessity" in which she questions the reasons why that we feed off of other Nonhuman Animals and points out that it is because we are Omnivores who eat anything that is Food, be it Plant, Flesh, or a combination of both. On that subject, I have a Video called "Prehistoric Beasts" that shows how an Upright Walking Astropolificas Ape, three million years ago, started eating Meat in carrion form and that was due to that increase of concentrated Proteins that allowed for the development of Big Brains in the Future. I feel that Meat is an Important Part of Diet, but I am definitely thinking about majorly reducing the amount of Meat in my Diet after reading Chapter 8 of Bobcat's Book.

Then next couple parts of the Chapter basically goes over what had been said in the previous part of the Chapter, but it was in the part called "Honorable Interaction", Bobcat says, "A world without abuse would be significantly different. For some it is so hard to imagine that the first steps towards it seems futile". I can attest to that as I have taken those first few steps and encountered so much Abuse and Hostility that it is no wonder that such things seem Futile.

Then on Page #255, Bobcats states something that reaffirms my motivation for Researching Herbs and Herbology when she says, "However, more often than not, the use of drugs is neither effective nore necessary: there are non-chemical ways of dealing with most trivial discomforts, and some not so trivial."

Here is my review of Chapter #9, which is called "The Value Of The Environment".

First thing I notice is that how Bobcat spends the first several Pages in the part called "Nature As Creation" once again writing about how the Philosophies of

Genesis 1, Verses 26 to 31 has really screwed up our opinions on where Humanity lays in the Circles of Nature.

Then on Page #258, she states that we ALL have to change our ways of Thinking in order to Live Safely and Happily alongside Nature. I can not count how many times I have said that on many other Paganistic Message Boards, only to end up Banned a short time later.

She then quotes Sir Francis Bacon as stating that Scientific Observation, Experimentation and Deductive reasoning is necessary to Humanity to gain Control and Domination over the Natural World and that each Scientist is striving to control 'Nature and all her Children and to bind Nature to our Services'. Bobcat then goes into how Nature has always been considered something to be Dominated, Controlled and Devoured by most of Humanity and admits that there are a lot of Pagans who do that kind of Devouring but think that it Cleanses them by doing the 8 Sacred Sabbaths, Rituals, and Ceremonies absolves them.

Bobcat even speculates that our Ancient Ancestors even had those kinds of Faults back several thousand years ago as she imagines our Primitive Ancestors were making such unnecessary Consumptions, but were simply limited by Lower Levels of Population and the effects of their Pollution and Violence being limited by their Less Damaging Machines. Unfortunately, that did not always work out that way as the Deforestation of Easter Island by the Native People whilst using the Lumber for Building their Easter Island Statues. Bobcat even points out how the Fertile Crescent's Farming Agriculture was mishandled Nine Thousand Years ago leaving the Land Deforested and Barren unable to Grow Anything to this day.

Then on Page #271, Bobcat describes how our Tribes are incomplete with the Company and Guidance of the Nonhuman Elements of Nature and how that absences provokes a Deep Grieving, Aches, and Depressions that are Hard to pin down. I pinned it down a few weeks ago when I went to a Buddhist Temple for Tuesday Meditations and I asked the Monk if having Disconnected ourselves from being part of Nature is the Main Reason that a lot of People suffer from Depression. He simply said Yes, which confirmed my Belief.

Then on Page #271, Bobcat recounts that due to our Overconsumption and used of Dangerously Altered Chemicals (all of which are perfectly Safe in their Natural State in Nature), that a Species of Nonhuman Animal goes Extinct every 20 Seconds. I can say that is mostly likely Micro-Organisms, but that is significant none the less.

Bobcat then points out on Page #272 that some Agnostics and Atheists tend to point out that it is actually unnecessary to make a Religion out of simply having a Loving for Nature. I can see that point and that is one of the reasons I have found quite a few Practicing Druids to not like the thought of Druidry becoming a Designated Religion, because a lot of Druids that I have known think that Nature should be Respected and Revered, but not Aggressively Worshipped, which is

something I point out in my 2007 Lughnasad 3X3 Triad of Wisdom when I states that "Almighty Nature Does Not Need To be Aggressively Worshipped".

On Page #273, Bobcat once again states that Nature is Not Fair when she states that *Pagan Gods may be Merciless but they are not Judgmental and that they simply do not care about Human as well as any other type of Animal or Organism. *Pagans do not impose Religious Strictures, but Celebrates our relationships with Nature though their Ritualistic Practices.

Once again, Bobcat takes a swipe at G1, v26-31 when she quotes Mary Midgley: "For three centuries we had been encouraged to consider the earth simply as an inert and bottomless larder stocked for our needs. To be forced to suspect now hat it is instead a living system, a system on whose continued activity we are dependent, as a system which is vulnerable and capable of failing, is extremely unnerving".

In order to offer Nature the necessary Protection of our Shared Morality requires Courage and the only ways that can be done is by is by Relinquishing the Competitive and Domineering I-It attitudes we have towards Nature.

Then in the Part called "What Is Nature", Bobcat points out that it is only Humanity that has attitudes about what is Natural and what is Unnatural and what is seen to be Unnatural has changed and continues to change, differing so widely around the World, which shows how much Diversity there is amongst the various Human Cultures of Humanity.

Then Page #279, Bobcat states that the Universe , with every Living Entity which is created from Nature's Resources, creates an Appetite for its Continuance. That rang with me as that was something I concluded on back in about 1992 when I concluded the Meaning of Life was the Struggle For Continuance.

Then Bobcat goes into the Philosophies that every Pagan I have ever known to promote and that all Nature is Interconnected and how its Webs of Interdependence and Relationships exists within any Ecosystem, even as the Microcosmic Level. Of course, Bobcat is one of the only *Pagans that I have known for expressing those kinds of Philosophies and actually Practices what she Preaches.

Then on Page #285, Bobcat admits something that I have suspected about this Book the whole time and that she wrote this Book in order to explain Ethics, but not to Evangelize, but is Devoted to Nature while watching it Destroyed by a Careless and Selfish Humans, which is hard to bear. I have empathy for those feeling as I have had to Bear such things whenever there is Fish Kill in the Suburban Creek that I do Restoration Work on.

Then Bobcat expresses something on Page #286 that actually spells out my Motivation for doing Herbological Research when she states that the *Pagan will

consider the use of Medicines, when perfectly good Herbs that are actually better for you and does not make anywhere as much Negative Impacts on the Environment with Animal Testing and Corporate Dishonor.

In the Final Paragraphs of Chapter #9 when Bobcat bastes Pagan Pretend To Bes who show up at Druidistic Events in Expensive SUVs, consuming Corporate Products and Fly off to Southern Europe for Vacations.

Chapter 10, which is called the Value of the Web.

After a couple of Pages that describe how all of Nature is considered Sacred to all *Pagans, Bobcat states on Page #291 that this Chapter is mainly about Resources and about how we should be Distributing our Abundance more Wisely.

The rest of the Chapter is pretty much a recap of all of the things Bobcat wrote about in the previous 9 chapters, especially Chapter 8. She once again Criticizes the conduct of the Corporations in regards to their Human Rights Abuses in regards to being into providing Goods in our Market Places, but not providing Employment for us as they use and abuse Cheap Labour in other Countries, getting things made for $0.13 cents per hour.

Then on Page #299-300, she points out something that answered the question of why one of my Landscaping Co-Workers Behaved so Rudely all the time as well as what motived a some of the Sergeants I used to deal with in the Military when she was writing about the various Hubris's that we all create all the time when she wrote:
"Aristotle spoke of hubris as an act of dishonor that shames another, writing that 'men think that by ill-treating others they make their own superiority the greater'. By belittling another person, we feel ourselves to be more important. By treating the Other as a mere object, we augment our sense of I, declaring our own needs the priority, the most prominent object".

As I found in my research into what causes Antisocial Behavior a year ago, I found that the part of the Brain that causes People to think that way is the Amygdala, which is the Self Preservation part of the Brain as well as the Pleasure Center. If the Frontal Lobe is Damaged, which is the most recently Evolved part of the Brain, they all we are able to think about is the "I" aspect of Life.

Then Bobcat goes into the problems of Overpopulation and the fact that a lot of Scholars now think that we have already gone past the brink of No Return from the Environmental Disaster that is going to happen due to our taking too much from Nature and that we are Overgrazing our Environment to the point of Self Sabotage. I have realized that and that is the main reason why I have decided that although I might like to get Married some day, I don't want to bring in anymore Children into the World who will end up Suffering when the Day Comes that the Environment's Stability Collapses when Critical Mass happens from our "Overgrazing".

Part 3 which has only One Chapter to it. The introduction to Part 3 is called "Walking The Path".

In the first part, Bobcat goes into the philosophies of Doreen Valiente who is a key figure in the development of mid twentieth century Wicca and asserted that Pagans should not be Pacifists, not just sitting back and letting others fight the Good Fight. Bobcat points out that Doreen Valiente observed that to allow Wrong to Flourish Unchecked is Not Harming None. I have heard of Doreen Valiente and I have said this before and I will unfortunately say it again and that is I have known a lot of Devotees of Doreen Valiente who have gone of to Create Problems, Fighting all those they deem as being Harmful with intense Tenacity to the point that they end up Harming those who are not actually their Enemies. I don't go out Fighting those that I deem to be Acting Wrongfully, but I have gone out fixing the Damage done by those who are doing Wrong when I go out doing Garbage Sweeps in the Creek Ravine that my Streamkeeper Group work on preserving as best they can.

I have known several Dianic Types who have most likely been Devotees of Doreen Valiente who have take me to be some sort of Mysogynist Threat and have followed me about the Internet Harassing and Attacking me to the point that I ended up deciding to go into a Meditative Retreat amongst Zen Buddhists, which turned out to be the best thing I have ever done.

When you Empower someone to Fight Anything, you could end up creating a Monster that ends up creating more Harm than Good.

Then further down the Page #318, Bobcat does state that it is not only valueless but Fundamentally Hypocritical to proclaim a Philosophical, Spiritual or Religious Axiom and then fail to Practice what you Preach, which is something that reminds me of something I read in Chapter 10 of the Esteemed Isaac Bonewits's Book "Essential Guide To Druidism".

Then on the next Page, Bobcat starts off by writing something that Moved Me A Lot! It is on Pages #320 - 321 in which she demonstrates how she used Meditation of the Breath to help recover herself from feeling of inevitable Failure in her Endeavours of Druidism. Bobcat chronical a method of Meditation that helped her get her Morale back online and to keep Fighting Her Good Fight Without Creating Any Harm. The passage she wrote about Breath Meditation was so moving that I am taking Bobcat's Book to a Meditation Meeting that I am going to tonight and I am going to read the Passage out loud for everyone to enjoy.

Then for the rest of the Chapter, Bobcat goes into how our Naturally DNA Programmed Selfishness have lead Humanity to create a lot of the Problems we now face today and that the Fears that if we "Rock The Boat" might end up creating More Harm, Deprivations, and Sufferings than Good. It is those Fears that we have from knowing how others who have rocked their Boats ended up

getting them in far worst situations than what they had before, such as the Le Terrore in France after King Louis the 16th was overthrown, how the Russians ended up with Stalin after they overthrew Tsar Nicholas the 2nd and also how the Cambodians ended up with Pol Pot when they overthrew their previous Government. Knowing those events in History has filled us all with Fear that if we overthrow an Unjust System, you could likely end up with something even worse.

Another cause of Harm is being Habitual. When one has a Routine that works, one can end up becoming Stubbornly Clinging to that Routine even when it becomes detrimental. I walked that Path once when I was a Successful Apartment Building Manager and found that during the time that I was Successful, I would spend time in the Local Pub Drinking Beer everyday and then going Home to look after things. I even remember sitting in the Pub thinking to myself, "Well, if going out to Pubs all the time is part of what makes my being a Good Apartment Manager, then I will keep that up in order to maintain being an Apartment Manager". But then, everyone in the surrounding Community started perceiving me as being a Drunken Lush and that caused me to become someone nobody wanted around anymore, which caused me Much More Harm than Good. Having observed that, after moving to a different Community, I stopped going out to Pubs as I realized that going out to Pubs is one of the main reasons I ended up having my "Falling Down". So when I read Bobcat's writing on that subject, I had Empathy for what she was saying.

Then Bobcat goes into the subject of Free Will and how we can be Weak at times when we consider what we are doing with our Free Will and how some people use their Free Will to create More Harm than good, citing Mobsters, Gangsters and Murderers as examples. But in this part of the Chapter, Bobcat states on Page that it is our Intellect that must step in and take responsibility for how we engage our Free Will. I think we have gobs of Intellect. I think it is our Wisdom that is lacking as I say in my favorite Signature that although we have enough Intellect to Split an Atom, we still have the exact same amount of Wisdom to choose doing Right from Wrong as the average ordinary Baboon.

Then on Page #330, Bobcat mentions how a Philosopher John Gray stated that our Acts are end points of a long sequence of Unconscious Responses. That reminded me of the similar Psychological Statements made by Karl Jung in his Psychological Analysis of Humanity's Unconscious Egos. And since John Gray was born in 1948, he must have come to his Philosophical Revellations by studying Karl Jung.

Then on Page 331, Bobcat states that *Pagans can take Freedom of Will as a form of Deity along with all other Deities, be they off the Sun, Earth, Seas, or the Sky.

Then Bobcat states something on Page #332 that confirms my opinion that it is Wisdom that Humanity is drastically lacking when she states that although we have the ability to remember the Past and Anticipate the Future and to predict

and recognize the consequences of our actions, Humanity has yet made a Mess of the Planet we live on while Suffering from Mismanaged Relationships, being Greedy and Egotisical. Such things does not Inspire Confidence in oour skill to the Consequences of our Harmful Actions and to Govern Ourselves Accordingly. When Bobcat made her statement on that subject, it reminded me of the Nostradamus Century 1, Quatrain 11:

"11
The motion of senses, heart, feet and hands
will be in agreement between Naples, Lyon and Sicily.
Swords fire, floods, then the noble Romans drowned,
killed or dead because of a weak brain."

Then Bobcat goes into the subject of Empathy and Sympathy and states that although there can be No Defense for valuing others wellbeing as lesser than one's own Desires except for one who is Mentally Disabled from being Empathetic which causes all Sociopathic and Psychopathic Disorders.

Then on Page #334, Bobcats explains something that works out why in the Past, when a Country Mobilized for War, everyone would joyfully join in and go off to Fight "The Enemy" and that is "Emotional Infection" which is our Baboon Troop Style Instinct which causes a certain Emotion to become a Contagion. That is when a Collective Euphoria or Fear that is felt at a Protest Rally, a Football Stadium, or a Party. Under such a Psychosis, Humantiy loses its sense of Individuality having Identified ourselves as being part of a Larger Being".

Then on Page #336, Bobcat writes about a Polygraph Expert Cleve Backster used his Polygraph Machine to measure Stress when Live Shrimp are being put into Boiling Water with some Plants next to the Boiling Pot that were hooked up to his Polygraph Machine and how the Needle seemed to jump as it measured the Sympathetic Nervous Responses that the Plant emitted when the Plants seemed to Sense the Stress of the Live Shrimp being Boiled to Death. This explains why when my Friend came into my Apartment where I had been taking care of his English Ivy Plants after several months of being separated from them that they seemed to grow to double their Size in about less than a Week.

And thus is the end of my Reading Bobcats Book and my Writing a Condensed Version of its most important parts for all to enjoy. Tomorrow, I will write my Final Review of the Book that I will publish on a few other websites.